से ऐसे प्रयासों को पूरा किया जाता है। कृषि विज्ञान केन्द्र, कृषक प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र, राज्य कृषि विश्वविद्यालय, गैर-सरकारी संगठन, सहकारी समितियां, निगमित क्षेत्र तथा आदान एजेंसियां भी प्रचार-प्रसार में भाग लेती हैं।

**Research Centre at Salem**

1719. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open a research centre at Salem in Tamil Nadu for research in the tobacco cultivation;

(b) if so, the steps taken to establish a centre in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if not, will Government reconsider the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The existing research station of Central Tobacco Research Institute at Vedasandur in Tamil Nadu is catering to the needs of tobacco cultivators of entire Tamil Nadu.

**Establishment of Indian Council for Veterinary Research**

1720. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish an Indian Council for Veterinary Research (ICVR) in our country;

(b) if so, the stage for the establishment of ICVR; and

(c) if not, will Government reconsider their stand in view of the necessities of research to bring up high yielding milking animals to make success of the white revolution and the necessity to control effectively the spread of contagious diseases in the cattle in our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the Ministry of Finance has advised this Department to maintain the status quo on this issue till a final decision is taken regarding the merger of this Department with the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation as recommended by the Fifth Central Pay Commission, the setting up of ICVR is deferred.

(c) Does not arise.

**Krishi Vigyan Kendra**

1721. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many Krishi Vigyan Kendras are working in the State of U.P. and since when;

(b) whether there is any proposal to close down some of them in coming years;

(c) if so, the names thereof; and

(d) the reasons for doing so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Twenty nine Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been established in Uttar Pradesh. The list of KVKs and year of establishment is enclosed in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) to (d) No, Sir. At the request of the concerned NGOs for effective technological back-stopping the functioning of the KVKs at Meerut and Muzaffarnagar have been transferred to G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar. Similarly, the KVKs at Siddharthnagar to N.D. University of Agriculture & Technology, Faizabad and Lucknow to Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow are also being transferred.